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C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 2974

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINF, PINT, KS
SUBJECT: ROKG ORDERS DEPARTURE OF FATHER JAMES SINNOTT

REF: SEOUL 2933; SEOUL 2937

1. REFTELS, WHICH ARE BEING REPEATED TO TOKYO, REPORT
ROKG DECISION NOT TO RENEW MARYKNOLL FATHER JAMES
SINNOTT'S RESIDENCE PERMIT AND TO ORDER HIS DEPARTURE
ON APRIL 30.

2. EMBASSY UNAWARE AT THIS POINT OF FATHER SINNOTT'S
FLIGHT PLANS OR THOSE WHICH ROKG MAY BE PREPARING FOR HIM.
NOR DO WE KNOW WHETHER HE WOULD INTEND TO MAKE STOPOVER
IN TOKYO EN ROUTE TO USA. WE RECOMMEND, HOWEVER, THAT TO
HELP AVOID OGLE-TYPE INCIDENT AT TOKYO AIRPORT, IT MAY
BE APPROPRIATE FOR EMBASSY TOKYO TO MEET SINNOTT'S PLANE.
WE WILL TRANSMIT FLIGHT INFORMATION AND SINNOTT'S PLANS
AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE.

3. AT PRESS INTERVIEW ON MORNING APRIL 28 FATHER
SINNOTT ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD NOT LEAVE VOLUNTARILY,
THAT HE HAD NO MONEY TO BUY TICKET, AND THAT ROKG
WOULD HAVE TO PICK HIM UP AND PUT HIM ON PLANE IF THEY
WANT HIM TO LEAVE. THUS FOR MAXIMUM PUBLICITY EFFECT
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HE MAY ALSO WANT TO GET OFF PLANE IN JAPAN.

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